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New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

Meeting of Representatives

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HARVARD COOPERATIVE SOCIETY
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

A G E N D A

for the 1979 Meetings of the
Representatives to Yearly Meeting

A. Representatives are convened by Sylvia Perry, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, and choose their Clerks.

B. Roll Call, if not held in the general Meeting for Business, may be accomplished by the Recording Clerk of Yearly Meeting directly at the Representatives' Meeting. A second Roll Call may be useful for late arrivals.

C. As part of Old Business, the convenor of the Representatives' Nominating Committee recommends the names of Clerks for the Yearly Meeting for service in the year following the close of the present session. This list if approved will be carried as our nominations for appointment by the Yearly Meeting.

D. To facilitate the Meeting for Business of the Yearly Meeting, the Representatives' Meeting hears and responds to the following reports:

The Nominating Committee for Yearly Meeting
The Finance Committee
Other concerns

E. The Representatives' Meeting names its own Nominating Committee for selection of Yearly Meeting Clerks to begin their service after the close of the next year's sessions.

Prepared by Thoreau Raymond
and John R. Kellam, Clerks
for the 1978 Meetings of
the Representatives

Friends Approve of this Minute

agenda - 1980

Rollcall of Representatives Page Tear

1. ~~2nd~~ period of quiet

2. 2nd Meeting of Representatives 1980 Meeting
~~outline of agenda~~

3. reading of responsibilities of Representatives from Faith & Practice

4. Outline of agenda

5. First piece of business.

6. Recommendation of yearly Meeting
~~Mo~~ Nominating Committee.
Friends asked to help complete this report where a few vacancies exist
Appreciation expressed for patients careful work done by Jean Kennison, Ann Burgess, Ann Barclay and Kathleen Bammer.

7. Presentation of Proposed yearly meeting Budget - Finance Committee forward report to Yearly Meeting for approval.

8 Review Minutes of two sessions.
Ann Barkley

9. Worship together in Silence

- duty to elect Nominating Committee for Nomination of Clerks for Yearly Meeting
Finance Committee ~~committee~~ prepare budget
& Report doings of ~~the~~ NEYM to ~~Monthly Meeting~~ ~~Reporting Meeting~~ ~~Section Groups~~

adjenda - 1980

Agenda suggested for 1980 Representatives Meeting

1. Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting convenes the Representatives from the several Monthly Meeting

2. Roll Call of members, as suggested by their Monthly Meetings, is made either in General Session or in this Representatives Meeting.

3. For old business, the convenor of Representatives Nominating Committee recommends names of Clerks for Yearly Meeting to serve from the close of the present session through the following year. This list, whenapproved, will be carried as our nomination for appointment by the Yearly Meeting.

4. For new business, Representatives appoint their Nominating Committee to present names for Yearly Meeting Clerks to be approved a year hence; those Clerks would serve two years from the present.

5.
To facilitate the work of the Yearly Meeting's General Sessions, the Representatives' Meeting hears ane responds to the following reports:

Nominating Committee for Yearly Meeting
Finance Committee.. Prilimenary Budget
other concerns.

Prepared by Karen Towle
& Thoreau Raymond
Clerks for 1979 Meeting of Representatives

15 August 1979

three people for nomination rep nominating committee
for choosing yearly meeting clerks
for next year

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Minutes of the Meeting of Representatives appointed to New England Yearly Meeting of Friends for the period beginning with the sessions of 1971

Meeting of Representatives held at Taft School, Watertown, Conn. June 26, 1971

Robert Lyon was named as clerk.
Caleb Smith was named as recording clerk.

The recording clerk was asked to get a permanent record book for the minutes of this Meeting so that a record of actions taken in prior years might be available to the Meeting at its annual sessions.

Our clerk and Louisa Alger are instructed to ask the present clerks of the Yearly Meeting to continue to serve through the Yearly Meeting sessions to be held in 1972.

The following Friends were named to report to us the names of Friends to serve as clerks of the Yearly Meeting from the close of the 1972 sessions through the 1973 sessions. They are to report to us at our 1972 session:

Caleb Smith - Convenor	Hobart Mitchell
Elmer Brown	Margaret Wentworth
Margaret Douglas	Harold Wyman.

It was suggested that young Friends might be named to serve as assistant clerks of the Yearly Meeting. We unite in this suggestion providing it is clear that there are real functions to be performed.

A proposal was made that we recommend that the number of representatives to Yearly Meeting named by a Monthly Meeting should be roughly proportional to the size of the Meeting. This proposal did not meet with our approval.

A concern was voiced that Monthly Meetings give serious consideration to the appointment of younger Friends to the Nominating Committee of the Yearly Meeting. We unite with this concern in so far as younger Friends who know the personnel of the Meeting may be available for this service.

In the event that one or more of the present clerks of the Yearly Meeting is unwilling to continue to serve we ask the committee already named to bring in names for our consideration in 1972 to convene us in special session later in this (1971) Yearly Meeting session and to suggest a name or names.

We adjourned purposing to meet at the 1972 Yearly Meeting sessions.

Caleb A. Smith
Recording Clerk

Meeting of Representatives held at Geneva Point Center, Center Harbor, New Hampshire, July 29, 1972 - 4 P.M.

Caleb Smith, Chairman of the Nominating Committee appointed in 1971, convened the 1972 Representative Meeting. Corwin Perkins was named as Presiding Clerk and Hazel Foster as Recording Clerk. Both names were approved.
Caleb Smith reporting for the Nominating Comm. stated that the Recording Clerk of the Yearly Meeting resigned last August and the Nominating Committee suggests the name of Margaret Walker of Plainfield Meeting, Northwest Quarter. This was approved by the Representatives.

It was recommended that the Chairman of the Nominating Committee should contact the Presiding Clerk, the Recording Clerk and the two Reading Clerks to see if they will serve for 1972-1973.

Caleb Smith suggested that it would avoid confusion if, before the Representatives Meeting, the Nomination Committee nominated persons to serve as Clerk and Recording Clerk. This was approved.

A new Nominating Committee was approved by the Representatives as follows:
Bessie Ewen, Smithfield - Convener
Allison Hindmarsh, Acton
Betsy Muench, Acton
Edwin Hinshaw, Wellsley

It was approved that we extend our thanks to our various Clerks and Nominating Committee of last year.

When the roll of Representatives was called the following were present:
Acton - Allison Hindmarsh, Betsy Muench
Allen's Neck - Andrew Grannell
Burlington - Thomas Bassett, Mary Jane Bassett
Cambridge - Louisa Alger, Arthur Tuck, Lois Brown
Mildred Roberts, Dorothy Sargent
China - Ralph Austin, Myrtle Austin, Miriam Brown
Durham - Margaret Wentworth, Harold Booker,
Jennie Booker, Mary Ellen Quindsland
Forest Avenue - Carol Anthony, Cushman Anthony,
Beatrice Wehmeyer.
Hartford - Marion Jessell, Thomas Bodine,
Marjorie Baechler.
Lynn - Herman Lawrence

New London - Jean Mitchell, Hobart Mitchell
North Dartmouth - Katherine Stern
Plainfield - Marjorie Walker, Alan Walker
Pleasant Street - Ellsworth McLean, Francis
(Mass.) Wheeler, Marjorie Wheeler
Providence - Ruth White, Edward White, Frederick
Sawyer.
Putney - Chastel Holzer.
Sandwich - Mass. - Jane Fitzgerald, Corwin Perkins,
Helen Perkins.
Smithfield - Bessie Ewen.
Stowe - Howard Reed, Mary Reed.
Wellsley - Sylvia Perry, Edwin Hinshaw.
Westport - Lawrence Hennison, Jean Hennison,
Will Young.
Winthrop - Eleanor Bailey, Hazel Foster.

The Meeting was offered to Concerns:

Edwin Hinshaw spoke to Young Friends and thinks this would pertain to older Friends also, that since this is a new place we should make a special effort to help one another.

Howard Reed from Stowe suggests that we should encourage friends to report when they have attended Yearly Meeting.

Hartford had the largest attendance at 'Friends' General Conference - 31 people there.

Acton - "We have a discussion Sunday and after Meeting the Representatives to Yearly Meeting are always scheduled to report on what went on."

Westfort - A suggestion was made that if 3 or 4 people attended yearly Meeting and all come back with the same report it can be dull - They should decide which one should report on the Finance Committee, Young Friends, Work Shops or whatever aspect of Yearly Meeting interested them and avoid repetition.

New London - "One or two Sundays after Yearly Meeting we made a special point of asking the young people to report on the entire Meeting. We have a small but active meeting and a good attendance at Yearly Meeting.

The Meeting Adjourned.

Hazel C. Foster
Recording Clerk

Meeting of Representatives held at Eleven Point Center, Center Harbor, New Hampshire, August 4, 1972 - 1 P.M.

A Meeting of Representatives to Yearly Meeting was called by Corwin Beasley to receive further reports from the Nominating Committee. Caleb Smith spoke for the Nominating Committee stating that Marjorie Baechler felt that she should not continue to serve as Reading Clerk. We also came to the conclusion that Robert Cates should be replaced as Reading Clerk since it is uncertain whether he will be available next year.

We approached Arthur Fink and he stated that he would be willing to serve.

Mary Reed is suggested as a woman to replace Marjorie Baechler for the Yearly Meeting Sessions in 1973.

We approved the names of two Reading Clerks, Arthur Fink and Mary Reed.

Adjourned 1:10 P.M.

Hazel C. Foster
Recording Clerk

Meeting of Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting July 25, 1953, at Ocean Point, Me.

I Opening

After a period of worship, Gordon Browne, clerk of the yearly meeting, opened the meeting of the Representatives by reading from the Revised Faith and Practice the section describing the duties of Representatives. Gordon Browne then left the meeting, and Caleb Smith was named clerk of the Representatives meeting. Ruth Lounsbury was named recording clerk of the Representatives meeting.

Because the roll call of Representatives had been taken at the evening yearly meeting session which preceded this meeting, it was omitted at this time.

II Nom. Com. Report

The report of the Nominating Committee which had been received by the 1952 Representatives meeting was brought forward by Dorothy Cox as follows. Yearly Meeting Clerk - Gordon Browne
Y.M. Recording " - Margery Walker
Y.M. Reading " - Mary A. Reed
Y.M. " " Andrew Kirkaldy

This report was approved, and the above named persons were nominated.

Note to Clerks — Louise Ulger was appointed to write a note of appreciation to the present Clerks.

1974 Nom. Com. — As a Nominating committee to bring names to the 1974 meeting of Representatives for yearly terms Clerks to serve from the close of the 1974 y.m. sessions through the 1975 sessions the following were named:

Thomas Kinsey, Convener; Mildred Roberts, Maria Meshenek, Anna Harvey Jones, Sue Walton.

Discussion — A discussion concerning the responsibilities of yearly meeting Representatives followed, many of those present taking part.

Lesley Flanagan expressed a concern over the present arrangement by which Representatives appointed to attend as a nominating committee to appoint clerks may not be there at Representatives when their report is given at the following y.m. session. He suggested that this is a technicality only, which might be cleared up at an first considered by the Faith and Practice Revision Comm.

Cushman Anthony suggested that the y.m. Nominating Committee might name Clerks, since that committee now is representative of all Monthly Meetings.

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Carl Smith reminded the Representatives that in the Yearly Meeting endeavor to avoid having one group nominate all y.m. positions, the y.m. Nominating Committee nominates the Committee; the Finance Committee nominates the Treasurer; the Representatives nominate Yearly Meeting Clerks.

Katherine Stern suggested that some arrangement might be made to help Representatives to become acquainted with one another before going into the nominations.

General Friends expressed the feeling that Representatives are able to assume the responsibility of nominating Yearly Meeting Clerks, especially if Monthly Meetings are conscious of the importance of their appointment of Representatives.

It was agreed that we should get used to the changes in Faith and Practice already made before making new changes, and that Representatives should study the Discipline which have been printed.

We then read the Yearly Meeting Concerning nominations.

VI Meeting — It was agreed that the Representatives meet again during Yearly Meeting, and have received a progress report from the Nominating Committee. The Clerk is asked to continue in this for this meeting.

VII Adjournment — After a brief period of worship, the Meeting adjourned to meet again at the call of the Clerk.

Meeting of the Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting August 3, 1973

I Opening — The second meeting of the 1973 Representatives to New England Yearly Meeting was opened by the Clerk of Representatives, Carl Smith.

Letter II — Lorraine Cripps reported that a letter of observation has been written to the Record of Mr. Clarke.

Nom. Com. III — Thomas Hancock gave a progress report of the work of the Nominating Committee. Careful consideration has been given to the task of recruiting nominees for Yearly Meeting Clerk, Recording Clerk and Reading Clerks.

After some discussion it was agreed that

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one name for each position should be presented to the 1974 Representatives, who will have the responsibility of nominating yearly Clerks to serve from the close of the 1974 sessions of Yearly Meeting through the 1975 sessions.

IV

Closing

The meeting closed after a few moments of silent worship.

Ruth T. Woodbridge

Recording Clerk 1973

First meeting of the Representatives to the 1975 New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, Tuesday, June 24, 1975, 8:45 P.M.

1. The Representatives' Meeting of the 1975 New England Yearly Meeting gathered and was convened by Caleb Smith, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. He read from NEYM Faith and Practice, as amended, to inform the representatives of the work they faced. He pointed out that their report back to their monthly meetings on "to the work and the life of the Yearly Meeting Session" is possibly the most important and probably the most often forgotten aspect of the work of the representatives.

2. Caleb Smith found the previous year's minutes of the Representatives' Meeting missing and when he learned that Thomas Bassett had a copy of those minutes at his home, he asked that those minutes be forwarded to the New England Yearly Meeting office at Freeport, Maine, where the Representatives' Meeting minute book is to be kept.

3. Friends approved the recommendation of Thomas Bassett to be presiding clerk of

the Representatives Meeting. Friends approved David Martin as the recording clerk.

4. Thomas Bassett called the role.

5. Friends approved of Jane Burgess, James Lechterberg and Virginia Townsend as a nominating Committee that should have been appointed at the Representatives Meeting at the previous Yearly Meeting. In addition, this nominating Committee was given the duty to serve as the Nominating Committee for the coming year and to report at the 1976 Yearly Meeting on the clerks to serve for 1976-77.

6. The recommendations from the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee was received from Beatrice Wehmeyer. Friends noted the absence of names in some positions and would try to assist in filling the vacancies.

7. The meeting closed with the representatives purposing to meet on the following eve.

Second Representatives Meeting of the 1975 New England Yearly Meeting

8. Though minute 7 showed our intent to meet on Wednesday evening, we did not due

to the late hour when business concluded at the session of the Yearly Meeting.

9. The Representatives Meeting was called for by the clerk for Thursday at 2:30 p.m. The meeting opened with a period of silence.

10. The Representatives Meeting received again the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee report. Much discussion occurred. The question of the faculty, staff and students being appointed to the Boards of Overseers of Moses Brown and Lincoln Schools was raised; but a clear sense of the meeting did not emerge. Some felt that it was not legal to do so — the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee was asked to clarify the legality of the matter. The Representatives Meeting recommended to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee that, this year and in future years, their report should be marked so to demonstrate those Nominations who are non-Friends. The Representatives Meeting approved the forwarding of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee's reports to the Yearly Meeting. Marjorie Hancock demonstrated her uneasiness with Nominating non-Friends; but not such uneasse to obstruct the forwarding of the report.

11. The Representatives Meeting received the report of its nominating committee: Presiding Clerk - Caleb Smith; Recording Clerk - Thomas Bassett; Reading Clerks - Ruth Kellam and Thomas Hancock. Friends approved the forwarding of these names to the Yearly Meeting business session.

12. The Representatives Meeting closed, purposing to meet at 6:45, the same day, to consider the preliminary budget from the Finance Committee and a proposal from Lydia Willits dealing with the organization of the Representatives Meeting.

13. The Representatives Meeting gathered at their appointed time, opened with a period of worshipfull silence and received the preliminary budget and recommendations from David Douglas.

14. Discussion did occur around the apparent disparities in contributions from Monthly Meetings to the Yearly Meeting budget and disparities in Yearly Meeting contributions to Friends United Meeting and Friends General Conference.

15. Friends approved the preliminary Budget and the recommendations of the Finance Committee amended only by adding

Student Loan and Scholarship Committee to Item # 4 of the recommendations (those committees allowed to appeal directly to members of the Yearly Meeting for funds). Copies of the documents presented to the Recording Clerk and others from the Finance Committee are included with these minutes.

16. Concerning the proposal of Lydia Willits, re reorganization of the Representative Meeting — Friends were not unified in how to proceed. Due to the rapidly approaching time for the beginning of the Yearly Meeting program, Friends decided to set aside this concern.

17. The Meeting adjourned, having finished the work before it, prepared to meet at the call of the Representative Meeting Clerk.

DAVID MARTIN, Recording Clerk

First Meeting of the Representatives to the 1976 New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts, Monday, August 16, 1976 at 9 p.m.

1. The Representative Meeting of the 1976 New England Yearly Meeting was convened by Caleb Smith, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting. He outlined the duties this group is expected to undertake and their responsibility to their own Meeting the work and life of the Yearly Meeting.

2. Friends asked that Thomas R. Bodine and Miriam E. Brown be Clerk and Recording Clerk of The Representative Meeting. They were approved.

3. Thomas Bodine called the roll and found nearly every named representative in attendance.

4. The Representatives Nominating Committee of Jane Burgess, James Achterberg and Virginia Townsend requested more time to work on their report for Clerks of the Yearly Meeting. This was allowed.

5. The recommendations of the Yearly Meeting

Nominating Committee were received from Beatrice Wehmeyer. Friends were asked to help in completing this report where a few vacancies still exist but great appreciation was expressed for the patient, careful and arduous work that has been done by Beatrice Wehmeyer and her Committee.

6. The meeting closed with the purpose of meeting again on the following evening.

Second Meeting of the Representatives to the 1976 New England Yearly Meeting Tuesday at 9 p.m. The Meeting gathered in silence and the Clerk then called for the first piece of business after outlining the agenda.

7. The Representatives Nominating Committee suggests the following names for Yearly Meeting Clerks 1976-77:

Presiding Clerk - Caleb Smith
Recording Clerk - Thomas Bassett
Reading Clerks - Thomas Hancock
Margaret Angell.

These names were accepted with approval and will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for action.

8. The Nominating Committee of Representatives for the coming year was named: Will Watson, Convenor, Debra Warren and James Achterberg. It was approved.

9. A group of junior young friends from Burlington Monthly Meeting, Nathan Wiser, Philip Sinner, Barbara Langworthy, and Sarah Ramm, spoke briefly of their role as "Earthquakers". With the help of an enthusiastic Sunday School teacher they have prepared and presented plays about famous Quaker leaders and travelled to the British Isles and in six weeks time had more contact with Friends present and past than most Friends. In earning the opportunity they have learned a great deal and project a year-long trip to visit areas of tension around the world, starting in Belfast, Ireland on a peace mission. They offer a fuller report to the Yearly Meeting during our free time. It is eagerly anticipated.

10. David Douglass presented the Yearly Meeting's 1976-77 budget for study and time for explanations. After thorough and extended consideration it was recieved and will be passed on to the Yearly Meeting. Concern was expressed that ways of reducing printing costs be explored.

11. Thanks were expressed to the members of the Finance Committee, the Yearly Meeting Treasurer and the Auditors.

12. The additional report of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee was presented and approved to be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting. A request for a card file of vital statistics for each member of the local Meeting to be kept and duplicated for use of the Nominating Committee was considered and discussed. It would be useful but it is probably not possible to implement this idea in our busy and changing lives.

13. Will Watson spoke briefly about the booklet he has prepared out of his experience as Recording Clerk of Cambridge Meeting for the use of Recording Clerks. They are available for sale and study.

14. The Clerk asked that any changes in the roll as heard last evening be brought to the Recording Clerk this evening.

15. The Meeting adjourned, having finished the work before it, prepared to meet at the call of the Clerks should the need arise.

Recording Clerk
Thomas R Bodine
Clerk

The First Meeting of the Representatives to the 1977 N.E. Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., Monday, August 15, 1977 at 9:00 P.M.

1. The Representatives gathered and were convened by Caleb Smith, Clerk of N.E. Yearly Meeting outlining specific duties to be accomplished.

2. It was approved that Finley Lewis be presiding Clerk and Kenneth Strobel, Recording Clerk.

3. The Roll Call of Representatives having been accomplished at the opening Business Session of N.E. Yearly Meeting, were enrolled. The name of Doris Ashley, a Representative of Allen's Neck will be added.

4. A Nominating Committee of:

Thomas Hancock

Emma Harvey Jones

Elizabeth Meinch was recommended. Upon individual acceptance to serve in this capacity, the named were approved. The purpose of this committee is to submit names of a Presiding Clerk, Recording Clerk and a Reading Clerk for the Yearly Meeting to the Representative Meeting in 1978.

5. Beatrice Lockmeyer presented a preliminary list of nominations to various yearly Meeting Committees which included the appointment of 9 Members to the

Permanent Board. This particular appointment raised a concern that the Board would not be at its present strength. It was stated that the discipline read "not more than 50 members". It was suggested that this be referred to the Faith & Practice Review for a recommendation.

Beatrice Lehmeyer expressed a concern of the poor attendance at Nominating Committee meetings which made their charge difficult and urged monthly meetings to encourage attendance of their appointees.

Remaining vacancies will be filled and presented to representatives at the next meeting.

Representatives expressed their sincere appreciation to Beatrice Lehmeyer and the Committee for their work and patience in filling these various committees.

6. Allison Aldham and Archer Fink presented a proposal to restructure the Peace & Social Concerns Committee of BE Yearly Meeting asking that the proposal be reviewed and input offered. A discussion followed at the end of which members of this committee felt they had the sense of the discussion.

Business of the evening being accomplished the meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm purposing to meet tomorrow evening at the place of the Business Session.

Kenneth M. Stickel
Recording Clerk

Second Meeting of the Representatives to the 1977 Yearly Meeting of Friends was held on Thursday August 4, 1977 at 9 a.m. but gathered in a joint period of worship.

1. The ~~minutes~~ minutes of previous meeting were read and minor changes were made. The minutes were approved.

2. The Nominating Committee presented the names of Carleh Smith, Recording Clerk.
Barbara Hobbs, Recording Clerk
Margaret Knight
Thomas Hancock } Reading Clerks
for the 1978 Session of N.E. Yearly Meeting. These names were approved and will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for action.

3. Beatrice Hutchings presented additional names for Yearly Meeting Committees. The report of the Nominating Committee was approved and will be forwarded to Yearly Meeting for action. Remaining names will go directly to Yearly Meeting for approval.

4. The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Shirley Perry & explaining item by item the proposed budget.

Concern being ~~was~~ raised by some meeting regarding the inadequate information

being opened by of the proposed amounts of the Friend United Meeting items was discussed at length. Friends suggested the F.U.M. Committee circulate more detailed information to individual meetings of the use of this money.

It was suggested that a workshop on Finance at the 1978 Yearly Meeting Sessions would be enlightening and would bring out the responsibility of paying the money and offer an explanation as to the distribution of budgeted monies.

The proposed budget was approved and forwarded to Yearly Meeting for action.

The meeting closed with a period of worship.

Business being accomplished, we adjourned to reconvene at the Call of the Clerk.

Kenneth M Strobel
Recording Clerk.

First Meeting of the Representatives to
The 1978 New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at
Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts
Monday, August 7, 1978 at 8:45 p.m.

1. The Representatives gathered and were convened by Caleb A. Smith, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting outlining specific duties to be accomplished.

2. It was approved that Thoreau Raymond be Presiding Clerk and John R. Kellam be Recording Clerk.

3. The Roll Call of Representatives was omitted, having been accomplished at the opening Business Session of New England Yearly Meeting, except for the addition of several names by the Yearly Meeting's Recording Clerk.

4. We have heard a partial report of the Representatives' Nominating Committee consisting of the name for Clerk of the Yearly Meeting, Sylvia Perry. This and other nominations for Yearly Meeting Clerks will be acted upon at our second meeting.

5. We received and reviewed the almost completed report of the Yearly Meeting's Nominating Committee, and suggested the name of Gordon Browne for nomination to the Faith and Practice Review Committee. We recommend that all appointees to that Committee have unlimited terms.

6. We request that a brief summary of the Representatives' Meeting be included in the Yearly Meeting Book each year, including the names of our appointees to the Representatives' Nominating Committee.

7. We encourage all Monthly Meetings to appoint persons to the Yearly Meeting's Nominating Committee who can actually attend its meetings and participate in its work.

8. We recommend to the Faith and Practice Review Committee that they give special attention to the functions of the Representatives' Meetings.

9. The minutes of this meeting were read, and with corrections were approved.

10. After a period of silent worship, our business of the evening having been accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m., purposing to meet tomorrow evening at the rise of the Business Session.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

Second Meeting of the Representatives to
The 1978 New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at
Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts
Tuesday, August 8, 1978 at 9:00 p.m.

1. The Representatives gathered as our Presiding Clerk, Thoreau Raymond, read Minute No. 1 of the Representatives' First Meeting in 1975, on the importance of reporting back to our monthly meetings on the work and the life of the Yearly Meeting Sessions.

2. Margaret Wentworth, for the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, presented additional names for Yearly Meeting appointments. The report of the Committee was approved and will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for action. Remaining vacancies will go directly to the Yearly Meeting or the Permanent Board for their approval of nominations of persons to fill them.

3. The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Finley Perry who explained the items in the proposed budget, which was approved for forwarding to the Yearly Meeting for action.

4 It was approved that the Personnel Committee of the Executive Council be requested to take into consideration the providing of medical insurance for the Field Secretary and Administrative Secretary, and retirement funding for the Administrative Secretary.

5. The Representatives' Nominating Committee submitted the names of:

Sylvia Perry for Presiding Clerk,
Barbara Haddad for Recording Clerk, and
Thomas Hancock } for Reading Clerks,
Margaret Angell }

to serve the Yearly Meeting after the close of the 1978 Yearly Meeting and through the 1979 Yearly Meeting. These names were approved and will be forwarded to the Yearly Meeting for action.

6. A Nominating Committee of Bruce Hawkins, convenor; Caleb A. Smith, and Katherine Stern was recommended. Upon individual acceptances to serve in this capacity, the names were approved.

7. It was suggested that this year's Representatives' Clerks be requested to prepare an agenda for the 1979 Meetings of Representatives, to be forwarded with these minutes to the Yearly Meeting Clerk for her convening of the Representatives. This was approved.

8. A minute of appreciation was approved for this year's Clerks of these meetings.

9. We trust that the Representatives shall prepare themselves for effective participation in each year's Representatives' Meetings.

10. Additional names were added to the Roll Call of Representatives attending this Yearly Meeting.

11. It is the sense of this meeting that in future our Nominating Committee will release the name of the person who has accepted nomination for Yearly Meeting Presiding Clerk, when that name is known.

12. The minutes of this meeting were read, and with corrections were approved.

13. The meeting closed with a period of worship; and our business being accomplished we adjourned at 10:42 p.m. purposing to meet at the call of the Clerk.

John R. Kellam
Recording Clerk

Second Draft

Brief Summary of the Representatives' Meetings
at the 1978 New England Yearly Meeting of Friends

74 Representatives from 38 monthly meetings held sessions during the first two evenings, and ~~nominated~~ approved the nominations of Sylvia Perry for Presiding Clerk, Barbara Haddad for Recording Clerk, Thomas Hancock and Margaret Angell for Reading Clerks of the Yearly Meeting, for service for one year following the close of the 1978 sessions.

We appointed Bruce Hawkins, Convenor; Caleb A. Smith; and Katherine Stern as our Nominating Committee to recommend persons to serve as the Yearly Meeting Clerks for the following year, 1979-1980.

We approved the list of other Yearly Meeting nominees for action at the Business Sessions, with a few remaining vacancies to go directly to those sessions for appointment.

We took several actions to promote the effectiveness of future Representative Meetings, including preparation of an agenda by previous clerks, an urgent request that Representatives prepare in advance for their participation in their meetings and all other Business Sessions, prompt releasing of the names of nominees for Yearly Meeting Presiding Clerkships as soon as their acceptances are received, printing of summaries of our minutes in the Yearly Meeting Minute Book, and a recommendation that the Faith and Practice Review Committee have unlimited terms and give special attention to the functions of the Representatives' Meetings.

Monthly Meetings were strongly encouraged to appoint persons to the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee who can actually attend and participate in its work.

The Preliminary Budget was received from and explained by the Finance Committee, and approved for forwarding to the Yearly Meeting for action.

S/ Thoreau Raymond, Presiding Clerk
S/ John R. Kellam, Recording Clerk

This report was printed in the 1978 Y.M. minutes, the first time this was ever done. I think that it would be a good thing to do every year, and I hope the Representatives will agree to continue the practice.

Sylvia S. Perry, 2-11-79

Representatives Meeting
August 13-14, 1979
Wheaton College, Norton, Massachusetts

1. At 2:30 in the afternoon of the opening day of New England Yearly Meeting, the Representatives from some 10 Monthly Meetings were convened by Sylvia L. Perry, Clerk of Yearly Meeting.
2. After a moment of worship in silence, Clerks for this Representatives Meeting were appointed: Karen Towle, from Burlington Meeting - Clerk, Thoreau Raymond from Bennington Meeting - Recording Clerk.
3. Roll Call was begun; the completed Roll was called in General Session on Sunday. The statistics: Out of 51 Monthly Meetings, 40 Meetings forwarded the names of 71 Representatives. 11 Meetings sent no names. Approximately 50 Friends were present for each session.
4. For the Representatives' Nominating Committee, Katherine K. Stern recommended persons to serve as the Yearly Meeting Clerks for the following year, that is, to take office at the close of this Yearly Meeting Sessions. We approved and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting the following names: Sylvia L. Perry, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting; Barbara Haddad, Recording Clerk; Tracy Booth and Thoreau Raymond, Reading Clerks.
5. Looking ahead, Representatives named its new Nominating Committee to find names of persons to serve as Clerks of

Yearly Meeting in 1951. Last nominating Committee will be Dora Engle, Owen W. Lindley, Rather Bonnell. Their report will be read in 1950.

6. In our business, we heard the first part of the report from the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee, read by Maurice Glynn; we gave thought to the concerns laid before us.

7. About our own work and responsibility, we pondered the message from ~~Lewis~~ Howard Pell and Representatives from our several Monthly Meetings have a new opportunity to become acquainted, to share our findings of joy, and to take home that exchange for further sharing.

8. At 5:00 we concluded our first session, adjourning to continue our work on Tuesday evening August 14.

9. At 7:00 pm Tuesday, August 14, 1951 Representatives met. Writing received a time on the agenda. Roll Call having been completed, Board decisions were assigned and we took time to relax and discuss Meeting of Plymouth Ch., Mass. Things on our list.

10. We heard the continued report from Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee and made further suggestions for concerns which Glynn presented special concerns of his committee. We responded as follows:

a) We accept the terms of office for the members of the Board of Overseers Meeting School to be for three years with a maximum of three terms.

b) We have referred to the Executive Board the financial needs of the Faith and Practice Revision Committee for expense travel funds during this year of intensive work.

c) We learned of a new appointment to be made by Nominating Committee. Nominating Committee will name two Friends for one year as representatives of New England Yearly Meeting to attend sessions of "Friends for Lesbian and Gay Concerns"

11. We listened to Lindley Temple's presentation of the proposed Yearly Meeting Budget from the Finance Committee. With our understanding deepened, we forward this proposal to Yearly Meeting for its approval.

12. We took pen in hand to acknowledge the reading and growing functions of Representatives Meeting. We charged each member to forward concerns about our purpose and methods to Faith and Practice Revision Committee. Such ideas have ranged from making Roll Call a Friendly expression of fellowship to economical printing of our minutes. Our thoughts extended also on strengthening the bonds among the Monthly Meetings as well as between each Monthly Meeting and the Yearly Meeting. We suggest Representatives review the present description in Faith and Practice, 1980 edition, paragraph p. 220.

13. Having reviewed the Minutes of our two Sessions we

which [illegible] together was declared before adjourning at 11:10 p.m.

[illegible] C. [illegible] Clerk

Thoreau Raymond Reardly Clark

1980

1. Sylvia Perry, Clerk of New England Yearly Meeting, convened the representatives at 4^45 p.m. Monday, August 11, in Russell Hall, University of Southern Maine, Gorham, and explained the functions of the meeting: to chose clerks of Yearly Meeting, to give preliminary consideration to the reports of the Nominating and Finance Committees, ~~and~~ Representatives report to their local and quarterly meetings the work and life of the Yearly Meeting sessions.

When the Yearly Meeting is not in session, the representatives' meeting may be called on to discuss any matters best considered by a smaller body, and refer them to the Yearly Meeting for action.

2. After six persons declined to serve as clerk because they were too inexperienced, or experienced, or had too many other responsibilities, Friends approved the appointment of George Furst as clerk.

3. Friends appointed Thomas Bassett recording clerk, who called the roll, appended.

4. Irven Roberts (Hartford, transferring to North Easton)

Marcia Glynn (Dartmouth) and Gordon Browne (Sandwich - South Yarmouth) were named as a ~~nominating~~ committee to recommend at the 1981 meeting of representatives, clerks of the Yearly Meeting to serve from the end of the 1981 sessions through the 1982 sessions.

As the Nominating Committee's list was not ready for distribution, we deferred reviewing it until tuesday ~~morrow~~ at 9 p.m., and closed in silence.

5. Reconvened at 9:32 p.m. Tuesday, August 12, in Russell Hall, after a period of quiet preparation for the business before us, we heard George Jeanst present the 1980/81 budget prepared by the Finance Committee, and approved it for recommendation to the Yearly Meeting.

6. Because there continues to be uneasiness about items in our budget for Friends United Meeting, Friends General Conference and Friends World Committee for Consultation, we ask the Program Committee of the Executive Council to hold a meeting of Friends in preparation for next Yearly Meeting, to consider our contributions to Friends' organizations.

7. We heard Jean Kennison's presentation of the Nominating Committee report and approved it for recommendation to the Yearly Meeting.

8. Ann Barday reported for our last year's committee to propose Yearly Meeting clerks, to serve ~~from~~ a year from the end of this Yearly Meeting:
   Sylvia S. Perry for Clerk,
   Thoreau Raymond for Recording Clerk,
   Tracy Booth and Hobart Mitchell for Reading Clerks.
   We approved these nominations.

9. There being no other business referred from the plenary sessions or raised from the body of the representatives, we closed with a comfortable period of quiet resolve to be messengers of the spirit of this Yearly Meeting when we get home.

George Furst Clerk;

Thomas Bassett
Recording Clerk.

Roll of Representatives, 1980

Acton: Joanne Hemenway, Elizabeth Muench
Allen's Neck - Trisha Sittig, Doris A. Ashley
Bennington - Thoreau Raymond
Burlington - Alice Cook Bassett, Thomas Bassett
Cambridge - Neil Allen, Ann Barclay, Arthur Fink, Rosly Walter, Will Watson
China - Miriam T. Brown, Norman Brown
Dartmouth Marcia Glynn
Dover Anna Stäfler
Durham Nancy Marstaller, Margaret Wentworth
Hanover Patricia Higgins
Hartford Henry Baechler, Robert Brill, Helen Glynn, James Glading, Lisa Paulin
Lawrence Wilfred Eagles
Litchfield Hills. Florence Carpenter, Marion Tessell
Lynn Frances T. Gove
Midcoast Gerritt Van Derwerker
Middlebury - Elizabeth S. Colman
Monadnock Philip Towle
Mount Toby Helen Holmes, June Robinson
New Bedford Ruth Martocci, Jeannette Smith
New London Janna Noyes
North Dartmouth: Ruth Burgess
North Easton: Barbara Brooks, Rosalind Cobb, Irven and Muriel Roberts, Elizabeth and George Watson
Orono Molly Duplisea
Portland Glenice Hutchins

Providence: Ann Kellam, Walter Limehouse, Richard Ristow, Jessie Whiteleather
Sandwich Gordon Browne, David Douglas, Jonathan Pyle
Smithfield: Ruth E. Smith
Storrs Elizabeth Ambellan
Vassalboro: Margaret Cates, Ernest Weed, Eleanor Wilson
Weare W. Oscar Frazer, Ruth Woodbridge
Wellesley Martha Gordon, Ruth Hoge, Shirley Waring
Westerly Kathleen Bammer
Westport Wesley C. Panuenzio, Jean Kennison
Worcester - Pleasant St.: Anke Bakker, Betty and George Furst
Winthrop Eleanor Bailey, Cecil and Sarah Farr, Hazel Foster, Alice Whiting
Windham Ramona Moore

The meeting of representatives to New England Yearly Meeting was held in Russell Hall University of Southern Maine, Gorham, Maine at 4:30 P.M. Monday, August 17th 1981.

Sylvia Perry, clerk of New England Yearly Meeting opened the meeting and briefly described the duties of representatives.

Nancy Marsteller was named ~~recording~~ presiding clerk; Ruth Heath was named recording clerk.

The clerk called the roll.

The following were nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for the year 1981-82, naming clerks for 1983.

Graham Chynoweth
Richard Ristow
Ann Barclay

Graham Chynoweth declined. Also nominated were: Wesley Panunzio
Margaret Cates

The meeting approved the nominations.

Jean Kennison, Clerk of the Yearly Meeting Nominating Committee presented a preliminary report.

The meeting concluded, to meet tomorrow at 9 P.M.

Ruth Heath
Recording Clerk

The second session of the meeting of representatives of New England Yearly Meeting was held in Russell Hall at 9 P.M. on Tuesday, August 18th, 1981.

Nancy Marstaller, presiding clerk, opened the meeting and requested the report of the Nominating Committee. Jean Kennison, clerk, presented additional names. She asked for any suggestions or changes the meeting wished to make. The presiding clerk encouraged discussion of the report. The meeting approved the preliminary report.

Doris Ashley, clerk of the Finance Committee, presented the 1981-82 proposed budget. Representatives discussed in some detail various items in the report. They were urged to talk about the report with others, and to be able to explain it to their meetings. Sylvia Perry, Yearly Meeting clerk, said that while

the budget is not an extravagant one. The question of how to build it is a difficult one. The meeting approved the proposed budget.

Marcia Glynn reported for the Nominating Committee for Yearly Meeting Session 1982 as follows:

Clerk - Sylvia Perry
Recording Clerk - Thoreau Raymond
Reading Clerks - Tracy Booth
Hobart Mitchell.

The report was given by Gordon Brown and Marcia Glynn. The meeting thanked them.

Ruth Heath
Recording Clerk.

REPORT TO NEW ENGLAND YEARLY MEETING

FROM REPRESENTATIVES MEETING 1981

The Representatives Meeting met twice to give consideration and preliminary approval to the Nominating Committee Report and the Budget, to choose a committee that will search for Clerks who will begin their terms at the end of Yearly Meeting next year (Richard Ristow, Ann Barclay, Wesley Panunzio and Margaret Cates), and to give preliminary approval to nominations I'll now give for Clerks whose term will begin after this Yearly Meeting session.

Before I give those names, I'd like to say that, though we made no specific minute about the matter, there was a general feeling that the functions of having the Representatives meet separately to discuss and approve the Budget and Nominating Committee Report before they are brought to the Yearly Meeting as a whole is redundant, and that it would be more efficient and informative to the Yearly Meeting if they were originally brought to the whole Yearly Meeting and not considered separately by the Representatives. This is one of the recommendations of the Long Range Planning Committee, to which I hope you'll give serious thought and approval.

The names of Clerks which the Representatives hand on for your approval are:

Presiding Clerk - Sylvia Perry
Recording Clerk - Thoreau Raymond
Reading Clerks - Tracy Booth
Hobsrt Mitchell

Thank you.

Nancy Marstaller
Clerk, 1981 Representatives

1982

1 Sylvia Perry, Clerk of WCGM presented the meeting of Representatives, held in Bailey Hall, University of Southern Maine, at 4:30 PM, Sunday, August 17th 1982. She commented that this might well be the last meeting of Representatives, our form of polity probably to be assumed by the Permanent Board, as recommended by the Long Range Planning Committee

2 Finley Perry was named Presiding Clerk, Prince Clark Smith, Recording Clerk.

3 Fifth Representatives Nominating Committee Richard Rudow reported the nomination for WCGM of
Sylvia Perry, Presiding Clerk
Thorwin Raymond, Recording Clerk
Kenneth Brooks Jr } Reading Clerks
Robert Weimeyer }
Minute was approved to be forwarded to WCGM

4 Lynn Cornstung the two-page report of the WCGM's Nominating Committee for 1982-83 approved to be forwarded to WCGM

5 Doris Ashley, for the N.E.Y. Finance Committee, presented the tentative budget for 1973-74, with explanations of the areas where there is a difference between the last budget and the next. The budget was approved for presentation to N.E.Y. in

6 the absence of the clerk, instead of taking time for an oral roll call, a printed list was circulated by Jeff Meuse, for those attending to check off.

7 After some debate as to the usefulness of appointing a nominating committee for a Spring Representative Meeting, it was decided to appoint one tentatively:

Martha Graham, convenor
Dorothy Mushenuk
Robert Wehrmeyer
Wesley Pannuzio

Approved

8 The minutes of this meeting were read, and, with corrections, were approved. We closed with a few

moments of silent worship

Eunice Clark Smith
Recording Clerk